

State**Parts of Districts of**

Tamil Nadu

Dharmapuri, Periyar, South Arcot, Salem, Tiruchirappalli, Kamarajar, V.O. Chidambaram.

Uttar Pradesh

Agra, Aligarh, Fatehpur, Mathura, Hamirpur.

[Translation]

Doordarshan Coverage in Maharashtra

6169. SHRIVILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the districts of Maharashtra have been covered by the Doordarshan;

(b) if not, the names of districts which have not been covered so far;

(c) whether the process for linking these districts with microwave system has been started; and

(d) if so, the time by which the telecast of Doordarshan programmes is likely to start in all districts?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRJAVYAS): (a) and (b). All the districts in the State of Maharashtra are, at present, covered by TV service either wholly or partially.

(c) Instead of microwave linkage, satellite mode of linkage has been adopted for the purpose of telecast of regional service in Maharashtra. The various high and low power TV transmitters in Maharashtra are linked to Doordarshan Kendra, Bombay, via satellite for relay of regional service programmes.

(d) TV service in 10 districts of Maharashtra is expected to improve consequent upon commissioning of various transmitters under implementation/envisaged to be set up in Maharashtra.

[English]

Bisra Stone Lime Ltd.

6170. SHRIMATI RIL KUMARI BHANDARI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bisra Stone Lime Limited is on the verge of closure;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any proposal to revamp its functioning;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e). Government is closely monitoring the performance of the Company. Various steps have been taken which include extending financial assistance; marketing tie ups; improvement in production and productivity etc. In the last two months